Enhancing the power generating capacity of Kayamkulam Thermal Power Station

4284. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to enhance the generating capacity of Kayamkulam Thermal Power Station in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to construct a new port in Alappuzha District in Kerala, for the transportation of fuel to the Thermal Power Station;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the NTPC proposes to undertake transmission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has prepared a plan to expand the existing 350 MW Naphtha fired combined cycle power plant of NTPC at Kayamkulam by adding 1950 MW capacity in Stage-II based on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)/natural gas as fuel. As per the Detailed Feasibility Report prepared by NTPC for the project, the estimated cost works out to Rs. 7584.51 crore (3rd quarter, 2002 price level). The implementation of Kayamkulam Stage-II is envisaged to yield benefits in 11th Plan period subject to availability of fuel at reasonable and firm prices and commitment from the beneficiary States/Union Territories in Southern region to take power from the project with signing of Power Purchase Agreement.

NTPC have resorted to International Competitive Bidding for sourcing of LNG/Natural Gas/regassified LNG including Kayamkulam Thermal Power Project. Kochi and Kayamkulam port in Kerala are options in this context. Power Grid Corporation of India is required to develop the associated transmission lines for this project.

Electrification of houses under Kutir Jyoti Programme

4285. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses electrified under Kutir Jyoti Programme during the last three years;

(b) the progress of electrification under Kutir Jyoti Programme, year-wise and State-wise, particularly in U.P.;

(c) the number of houses eligible to come under this programme; and

(d) the reason for tardy progress in bringing electricity to the poor and the remedy considered to be undertaken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) State-wise details of connections released for households of rural poor, living below the poverty line under Kutir Jyoti Programme during the last three years are as under:-

2000-01	:	5,24,674
2001-02	:	4,70,125
2002-03	:	8,78,733 (Provisional)

(b) Year-wise and State-wise progress report during the last three years including Uttar Pradesh is given at Statement *(See* below*)*

(c) According to Basic Rural Statistics (March, 2001) of Ministry of Rural Development, there are 556 lakhs rural households below poverty line in the country.

(d) The programme, by and large has been successfully implemented barring a few States. The reasons for tardy progress in these States are:-

— Inadequate provision of LT distribution lines in the villages.

— Non-availability of adequate financial resources with States/State Electricity Boards for laying electrical infrastructure inside the inhabited areas of the villages.

— Shortfall in receipt of revenue of the SEBs.

For remedying the situation, Ministry of Power had constituted a Committee to review the guidelines of Kutir Jyoti Programme in March, 2001. The Committee, *inter alia*, recommended fixation of a feasible time frame for coverage of all the BPL households in the rural areas, changes in present system of allocation of targets for various States; changes in institutional set-up for programme implementation; improvement in the procedure for beneficiary identification. Keeping in view the persistent demand of the States for increase in per unit cost of release of single light connection, Government has enhanced per unit cost of release of single point light connection under this programme from Rs. 1000/- to Rs. 1800/- in Special Category States and Rs. 1500/- in other States, in

March, 2002. Under Intensive Electrification programme, hamlets electrification and dalit bastis electrification, REC is providing financial assistance to States/SEBs/Power Utilities for LT Distribution System.

Statement

Year-wise and State-wise Release of connections under Kutir Jyoti Programme (2000-01 to 2002-03)

Sl.No.	States	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	130000	200000	109357
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	6000	10884	1009
3.	Assam	1688	553	0
4.	Bihar	25342	54310	84704
5.	Goa	0	0	0
6.	Gujarat	4200	3900	3356
7.	Haryana	0	13536	8986
8.	Himachal Pradesh	2036	1601	647
9.	J & K	528	0	0
10.	Karnataka	145087	60018	400363
11.	Kerala	35152	18717	26973
12.	Madhya Pradesh	51770	4950	13700
13.	Maharashtra	14607	7420	5733
14.	Manipur	0	0	0
15.	Meghalaya	3500	2820	0
16.	Mizoram	10000	3000	3000
17.	Nagaland	12000	6000	5050
18.	Orissa	41	0	0
19.	Punjab	2500	5000	1139
20.	Rajasthan	15012	15000	14940
21.	Sikkim	0	0	0
22.	Tamil Nadu	45919	42700	30897
23.	Tripura	13783	9000	4000
24.	Uttar Pradesh	509	0	70000
25.	West Bengal	5000	1686	4339
26.	Jharkhand		1699	19592
27.	Chhattisgarh		7331	30498
28.	Uttaranchal		0	40450
	UTs.	0		
	GRAND-TOTAL	**524674**	**470125**	**878733**

* Provisional.